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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Sir, it was decided in the last Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Canberra, that the Colombo aid should be extended for another five or ten years. That was the unanimous opinion of all the countries which participated in that conference. Has any intimation been received by this Government about it and if so, is it likely to be extended for another term of five years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have that particular information with me now.

Hindi letters on milestones

* 507 Q.—**SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether this Government have represented to the Centre recently not to inscribe Hindi letters on milestones on the roads?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No, Sir.

Price of tamarind

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : மிளகாய், புளியை இவைகளைப்பற்றி இன்னும் இரண்டு கேள்விகள் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே அவைகளையும் சேர்த்து ஒன்றாய் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : அவ்விதம் ஒன்றாய் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம்.

* 508 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED,**
SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR, } Will the
SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : }
 Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of rise in the price of tamarind; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce the prices?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to bring down the price of this commodity, the Government of India have been addressed in January 1960 to considerably restrict its export.

Export of tamarind and chillies

* 509 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED,**
SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : } Will the Hon. the
 Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government for banning the export of tamarind and chillies; and

(b) if so, the reason for such a ban?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Representations were received pointing out the high prices of tamarind and chillies. In order to bring down the prices of these commodities, the Government of India have been addressed in January 1960 to considerably restrict the export of these commodities.

Export of dry chillies

* 510 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have protested to the Union Government for allowing the export of dry chillies up to the end of July 1962 without any restrictions on the quantity; and

(b) if so, the reply received thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) This Government have urged upon the Government of India the need to considerably restrict the export of dry chillies.

(b) The Government of India's reply is awaited.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it a fact that the high price of tamarind is due to hoarding by merchants, and if so, what steps the Government have taken to unearth this hoarding?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information about the hoarding of tamarind on the part of merchants but there is possibly speculation on the part of merchants because of the scare created with the result that they raised the price. So far as the supply of tamarind to this State is concerned, this State produces only 50 per cent of the requirements and 50 per cent has to be transported to this State from other States and the quantity of transport is also reduced.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that dry chillies are exported in unrestricted quantities and if so, will the Government at least recommend to the Union Government to export only restricted quantities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may give this information to the hon. Member about chillies. In 1956-57 only 200 tons were exported outside the State. In 1957-58 only 900 tons were exported outside the State and in 1958-59 only 200 tons were exported outside the State whereas the estimated yield in this State has been 75,800, 78,800 and 75,500 tons respectively.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : இப்போது ஏற்றுமதிக்கு தடை விதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அப்படியானால் எது முதல் தடை விதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது? இந்த தடை விதிக்கப்பட்ட பின்னால் விலைவாசிகளின் நிலைமை எப்படியிருக்கிறது.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : மிகளகாயைப் பொறுத்த வரையில் அல்லது புளியை பொறுத்த வரையில் ஏற்றுமதிக்கு தடை ஒன்றும் விதிக்கப்படவில்லை. ஏற்றுமதியை குறைக்க வேண்டு